

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1–30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method of providing electronic receipts to a remote device comprising:

receiving, at a server, a receipt card account number associated with a receipt card, wherein:

the receipt card identifies an electronic address of a database and includes information that identifies the receipt card account number;

the server is configured to receive requests from a plurality of merchants for access to the database;

the database is communicatively coupled to the server; and
the receipt card account number is not a payment account;

causing the database to be populated with electronic receipts associated with the receipt card account number, wherein each electronic receipt is associated with at least one merchant of said plurality of merchants and each electronic receipt comprises:

a list of items purchased during a financial transaction, and
unique transaction identification information for the financial transaction;

receiving, at the server, a request, from the remote device, for a specific electronic receipt associated with the receipt card account number;

accessing, at the server, the specific electronic receipt from the database; and

transmitting, from the server to said remote device, information indicative of said specific electronic receipt.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a computer system located at a retailer who participated in a transaction associated with said specific electronic receipt.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a customer's computer system.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises:

an identity of a retailer who participated in said financial transaction, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax, a date of said transaction, and a time of said transaction.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
receiving, at the server, a request for a plurality of receipts associated with the specific receipt card account number.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
receiving, at the server, a request for a transaction history associated with the receipt card account number; and
sending, at the server, the requested transaction history to a computer system located at a retailer.

38. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer readable storage medium including computer executable instructions, the instructions comprising:

instructions for receiving a request, from a remote device, for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number; and

instructions for accessing the specific electronic receipt from a database of electronic receipts, wherein the database is coupled to the server, and wherein the receipts in the database are received from a plurality of merchants and the receipts are associated with:

a receipt card account number,

at least one merchant of said plurality of merchants, and
a receipt card that identifies an electronic address of the database and
information that identifies the receipt card account number,
wherein the receipt card account number associated with [[a]] the receipt card account is
not a payment account, and wherein each receipt includes a list of items purchased during a
transaction and unique transaction identification information for each transaction; and
instructions for transmitting, to said remote device, information indicative of said specific
electronic receipt.

39. (Previously Presented) The tangible computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a computer system located at a retailer who participated in a transaction associated with said specific electronic receipt.

40. (Previously Presented) The tangible computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a customer's computer system.

41. (Previously Presented) The tangible computer readable storage medium of claim 38, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises:

an identity of a retailer who participated in said transaction, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax, a date of said transaction, and a time of said transaction.

42. (Previously Presented) The tangible computer readable storage medium of claim 38 further comprising:

instructions for receiving a request for a plurality of receipts associated with the specific receipt card account number.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) The tangible computer readable storage medium of claim 38 further comprising:

instructions for receiving a request for a transaction history associated with [[a]] the specific receipt card account number; and

instructions for sending, at the server, the requested transaction history to a customer's computer system.

45. (Currently Amended) A system for providing electronic receipts to a remote device comprising:

a processor; and

computing memory communicatively coupled to the processor, the computing memory having stored therein computer executable instructions, the system configured to perform the following:

receiving a request, from a remote device, for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number; and

accessing the specific electronic receipt from a database of electronic receipts, wherein the database is communicatively coupled to the server, and wherein the receipts in the database are received from a plurality of merchants and the receipts are associated with:

a receipt card account number,

at least one merchant of said plurality of merchants, and

a receipt card that identifies an electronic address of the database

and information that identifies the receipt card account number,

wherein the receipt card account number associated with [[a]] the receipt card account is not a payment account, and wherein each receipt includes a list of items purchased during a retail transaction and unique transaction identification information for each transaction; and

transmitting, to said remote device, information indicative of said specific electronic receipt.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a computer system located at a retailer who participated in a transaction associated with said specific electronic receipt.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said request for said specific electronic receipt is from a customer's computer system.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises:

an identity of a retailer who participated in said retail transaction, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax, a date of said transaction, and a time of said transaction.

49–51. (Cancelled).

52. (Previously Presented) A receipt card method, the method comprising:
generating point of sale data for a transaction, wherein the point of sale data identifies an item and a purchase price for the item;

receiving a receipt card on which is imprinted an account number that identifies an electronic address of a receipt card server and identifies a receipt card account number,

receiving a form of payment for the transaction, wherein the form of payment is one of cash and credit, wherein the receipt card is not a form of payment;

generating unique transaction identification information;

generating an electronic receipt that identifies the point of sale data, the receipt card account number, the unique transaction identification information, and the form of payment; and transmitting the electronic receipt to the electronic address of the receipt card server.

53. (Previously Presented) The receipt card method of claim 52, wherein said unique transaction identification information further comprises at least one of an identity of the retailer, a transaction number, a gross amount, a sales tax amount, a date, and a time.

54. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing electronic receipts to a remote device comprising:

means for receiving a request, from the remote device, for a specific electronic receipt associated with a specific receipt card account number;

means for accessing the specific electronic receipt from a database of electronic receipts, wherein the database is coupled to the server, and wherein the receipts in the database are received from a plurality of merchants and the receipts are associated with:

a receipt card account number,

at least one merchant of said plurality of merchants, and

a receipt card that identifies an electronic address of the database and

information that identifies the receipt card account number,

wherein the receipt card account number associated with the receipt card account is not a payment account, and wherein each receipt includes a list of items purchased during a financial transaction and unique transaction identification information for each transaction; and

means for transmitting, to said remote device, information indicative of said specific electronic receipt.

55. (Currently Amended) A method of storing transaction information, the method comprising:

associating a receipt card with a user and a receipt card identification number, wherein:

the receipt card identification number is associated with a receipt card account,

~~wherein~~ the receipt card comprises a magnetic strip encoded with information indicative of the receipt card identification number,

~~wherein~~ the receipt card account is associated with a plurality of electronic receipts,

wherein the receipt card account is not a payment account;
receiving, at a server, an electronic receipts from a plurality of merchants, each receipt including transaction details for a transaction made by the user, wherein the transaction details include a unique transaction identification, a list of items purchased and the receipt card identification number; and

storing, at a database, the electronic receipt in association with the receipt card account, wherein each receipt stored in the database is associated with at least one merchant of said plurality of merchants and unique transaction identification for each transaction.

56. (Previously Presented) The method accordingly to claim 55, wherein the receipt card comprises a plastic housing having a front face whereon the receipt card identification number is embedded and a rear face whereon the receipt card identification number is encoded in a magnetic strip.